



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 8, 2026
Advent Lutheran Church

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ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOME STATEMENT

Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, a welcoming community of God, believes ALL people are made in God's image and boundless love and ALL are valued equally within our congregation. We are empowered by God through faith to nurture and celebrate the vast diversity among individuals – single, married, partnered, divorced – embrace their uniqueness in all aspects of life including race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and age. We care for the environment and strive for racial equity and social and economic justice. We at Advent affirm and welcome you to share life with us and participate in God's ministry.

WELCOME FRIENDS AND GUESTS If you are a guest, we ask that you please sign our visitor register located on the table in the Narthex, and help yourself to one of the Welcome Bags. Please come back and worship with us.

LITURGY. Hymns can be found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book - our red hymnal in the pew rack, or placed under the chairs.

** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

MASKS - Masks are optional. Love your neighbor.



WE LOVE CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!

- Worship activities are located in the narthex cubbies.
- A staffed nursery is available for infants through age 6. The nursery is the last door on the right. Children's Church (kindergarten-5th) grade begins after the children's sermon. Children will return to worship during the passing of the peace.



FOR 8:30 am: Join us for fellowship following worship! All are welcome.

**** Members, please remember to check your mailboxes today ****



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Prelude

Prepare your hearts for worship in a quiet time and space during the prelude.

GATHERING

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

You call us to life in community, but too often we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Gather Us In

Hymn #532

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***Kyrie**

Andante $\frac{4}{4}$

mp F F/A Gm C F F/A B \flat C F F/A

Ky - re - e e - le - i - son: Lord have mer - cy. Chris - te e -

10 Gm C Dm G/B C⁷ F F/A Gm C

le - i - son: Christ have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:

15 F F/A B \flat C Gm⁷ Gm B \flat C⁷ F

Lord_ have_ mer - cy, Lord_ have_ mer - cy.

***Hymn of Praise**

21 **Driving** ($\text{♩} = 96$)

f Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est!_ Glo - ry

27 Gm F B \flat Gm⁷

glo - ry to God in the high - est, Glo - ry glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on

31 F/C C F Cm⁷ *mp* F

earth, be peace to all. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty Fa - ther, we

35 Cm⁷ Fm⁷ F G

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je sus Christ, on - ly

38 G B \flat F

son_ of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a - way the sin_ of the world: have

41 $A\flat$ $E\flat$ Gm $Csus$ C^7

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, Glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high - est!_ Glo-ry

45 Gm $B\flat$ Gm^7 F/C C

glory to God in the high - est, Glo-ry glory to God in the high - est, and on earth, be peace to

50 F Cm^7 F

all. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our

53 Cm^7 Fm^7 F G *f*

prayer. For you al-lone are Ho - ly. You a-lone are Lord, you are the

56 G $B\flat$ F $A\flat$ $E\flat$

most high Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God_ the Fath - ther, A-

60 Gm $Csus$ C^7 *f*

men._____ Glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high - est!_ Glo-ry glo-ry to God in the

64 Gm $B\flat$ Gm^7

high - est,___ Glo-ry glo - ry to God in the high - est,___ and on

67 F/C C F **3**

earth, be peace_ to all.

*Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray...

C: **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9(10)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ^l fear the Lord

and have great delight in ^l God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ^l in the land;
the generation of the upright ^l will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be ^l in their house,
and their righteousness will ^l last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ^l for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ^l of compassion. R**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ^l ous in lending
and to manage their af- ^l fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- ^l er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ^l ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ^l evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ^l in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ^l will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ^l on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ^l fast forever;
they will hold up their ^l head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ^l pine away;
the desires of the wick- ^l ed will perish. R**

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do

today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Joyful ♩=96
4/4

Hal-le - lu - ia, Hal-le lu - ia. Hal-le - lu - ia, Hal-le lu - ia.

80 Hal-le - lu - ia, Hal-le lu - ia. Hal-le lu - ia, Ha-le - lu - ia!___

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you,

until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Mark

Children ages kindergarten-5th grade are dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon

Pastor Mark

***Hymn of the Day**

This Little Light of Mine

Hymn #677

(8:30 – Choir interlude between v. 2 & 3)

***Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Installation of Council

***The Prayers**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

*Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **C: Amen**

*Communion Liturgy

P: Those of you worshiping with us online are invited to share communion with us. I invite you to have your bread and your wine or grape juice before you as we gather to receive communion. What we share is not a private ceremony, but an act of worship within this community gathered by a God who transcends time and space. It is “for you” – Christ promises to be there for you. Trust that. And this sacrament is also for all people; we celebrate in the assembly. We are one community in worship.

*Dialog

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***Preface** It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy

Jazzy $\text{♩} = 112$
 $\frac{12}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ *f* F F/C F B \flat C 9 F

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

92 F F/C C 7 F

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry: Ho-san - na in the high - est.

96 B \flat *mp* F/A Gm 7 Csus C

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

99 *f* F F/A Dm F 7 B \flat^9 Gm C $^{-9}$ Fsus F

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Thanksgiving at the Table

The congregation echoes the first three responses:

...We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

...We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.**

...We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Lord's Prayer

P: As people of God in this time and place, we use the language of today as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table; taste and see. Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are forgiven.

***Lamb of God**

103 **Gently** (♩=76)
 3 *mp* F Bb/F F
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

109 Bb⁹ F Gm⁷ C F Bb/F F
 mer-cy_ on us, have mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

113 Bb⁹ F Gm⁷ C⁷_{sus} F F/A
 mer - cy_ on us, have mer - cy_ on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the

116 Gm⁷ C_{sus} C⁹ Bb⁹/D F/C C⁷ F 2
 sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us_ peace.

Communion

Those worshiping in-person are invited to come forward as the ushers direct you. You may receive bread and dip it into the wine or grape juice; or you may pick up one of the sealed wafer/grape juice packets or a sealed gluten free wafer and hear the words of promise before returning to your seat to open it.

Those worshiping online are invited to use your own bread and wine or grape juice at this time, saying to each other, or to yourself, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you." For all of us, Christ promises to be present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice.

Children who have not yet received their first communion may come forward (in person) for a blessing, or someone in the room (worshiping online) may pause to provide that blessing, saying "Remember, God loves you" or "You are a beloved child of God."

Communion Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Hymn #712

Post Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C: Amen.**

